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Supreme Court No. DA 09-0048

STATE OF MONTANA,

NICOLE CANDICE GUILL,

Plaintiff and Appellee,

v.

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Defendant and Appellant.

MOTION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Comes now, Colin M. Stephens, appointed counsel for the Appellant to hereby respectfully request this Court grant him a sixty day (60) continuance to prepare the Appellant's Opening Brief in this Matter. While this is not the first request for an extension in this matter, it is the first requested by Mr. Stephens after having been appointed by the Office of the Appellate Defender.

I am making this request because of the size of the Appellant's file and I am currently unsure whether I have all copies of the Transcript. *See Affidavit*.

Currently the Appellant's Opening Brief is due on January 12, 2010. I am requesting a sixty (60) day continuance which would make the Appellant's Opening Brief due on March 13, 2010.

Counsel for the State has been contacted regarding this request and has no objection.

Respectfully submitted this 6th day of January, 2010.

Colin M. Stephens

SMITH & STEPHENS, P.C.

Attorney for Mrs. Guill

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Colin M. Stephens, do hereby certify that I mailed or cause to have mailed this Motion for Extension of Time and accompanying Affidavit of Colin M. Stephens to the following:

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Dated this 6th day of January, 2010.

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